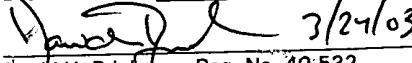




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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the

above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith and Applicants request that the Examiner consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality. A copy of an International Search Report received in Applicants' corresponding European Patent Application No. 02023563 is also enclosed.

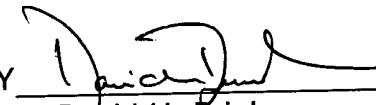
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Each item of information set forth in the attached PTO-1449 was cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' corresponding European Patent Application No. 02023563 not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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